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# HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

## COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL

...RADIO  
...CASSETTE TAPES  
...LITERATURE





# MECHANICAL MISSIONARY

by Archie Mayhew

**W**ith more than 260 villages scattered over an area of 4000 square miles, we face an almost impossible task of reaching them for Christ. How will we do it? One answer to our problem lies in a very small but increasingly useful tool of recent years—the **cassette tape and player**. This practical little instrument is enabling us to fulfill our part of the Great Commission.

Our first involvement with the use of cassette tapes in our ministry began in 1964 while we were in Switzerland for French language study. To improve our French Bible vocabulary we had the entire New Testament recorded on tape by a Frenchman. Until this time the French New Testament was not available in recorded form. Our purpose in the recording was to hear proper pronunciation as well as to gain vocabulary which we could not

get in school.

This process proved to be such a blessing that we made copies for other missionaries working in most of the French-speaking African countries. The missionaries were helped so much that they made copies of the tapes for others as well.

Distribution of the tapes then spread into communist countries and helped us to see the great potential of a tape ministry. This outreach opened up when a Christian woman came from Communist Czechoslovakia to ask if we were the missionaries who could order tape recorders wholesale. When we related that this was our service to Christian ministries, she told us how she could use one. Public and private preaching was forbidden in her country; however, they could privately record messages on tapes and later play them to

public audiences.

After receiving a tape recorder, she asked if we had any suggestions for expanding their tape ministry. She mentioned that many people in her country were hungry to learn or perfect their French language ability, so I suggested that she take French New Testaments with her and a copy of the tapes which had proven to be an excellent method of language study for us.

The Bible was restricted in the Czechoslovakian language but there was no restriction on other languages. She returned to her country with the recorder and a master tape of the French New Testament so she could make copies for others. At the last report, many copies had been made and had even spread to other communist countries.

The tape ministry was of special value to a young, blind

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man who felt that God had called him to preach. He questioned how he could do so with this handicap. We supplied him with a copy of the New Testament on tape, and he was encouraged to accept the call to preach since he could now hear and study the New Testament.

In recent years, cassette players have been greatly simplified and improved so that anyone can operate them. This has opened the door to using them in villages in our territory of Ivory Coast.

In the villages which we have evangelized, each group of Christians has been given a cassette player with tapes in their own language. They listen to the messages over and over. These cassettes are a great help to their growth in grace.

At the same time, the Christians play these tapes to large groups of heathen who are interested in listening to this strange little box which speaks their language. One of the African church leaders expressed the benefits this way: "A pastor will say it only once, but on the tape we can hear it many times and it goes down deep into our insides."

Our African evangelists have found these cassette players useful in the villages to help draw a large crowd. Once the crowd gathers, they preach to them and give a follow-up invitation to anyone who is ready to give his life to the Lord.

### **Koulango NT on Tape**

Messages in the Koulango language are broadcast from Liberia over radio station ELWA. Since this is the language of our area, we have made copies of these messages and use them in the villages. Shortly, we will have the Koulango New Testament on tape for village use.

In another phase of our cassette ministry, we listen to the French New Testament with African pastors. This increases the African pastor's intertribal ministry. Since we have six different language groups in our area, an intertribal language is a necessity. This language, of course, is French. Last term we arranged for the pastors to come to our house each morning for a week to listen to the entire New Testament in French. We did this several times. Each of us took his Bible and read along with the tape, making notes of

new things he observed.

Many of our people in the United States have a vision of the usefulness of a tape ministry and have given money to buy cassette players. The First Free Will Baptist Church in Richmond, Calif., gave \$1,000 to supply the equipment for making and copying tapes here on the field.

The number of tape players which we could place is unlimited. Many African Christians have asked how they may obtain a cassette player to hear more Christian messages. Since most of our village people here are illiterate, listening to tapes bridges a gap for them. One who reads may have difficulty in appreciating this.

A tape player costing less than \$35, including customs charges, and a few inexpensive tapes used on a rotation loan plan become an evangelist. A set of four batteries will operate a recorder for an average of 20 hours. At the present cost, that is about four cents an hour. This is a very inexpensive yet efficient method of teaching. When we look at this in light of the eternal value of each soul won, the cassette ministry certainly is a sound investment.





# "JUST A TOOL, BUT..."

by Robert Bryan

**L**iterature is a tool—just a tool! But it is one of the best tools available to missionaries for evangelism and the teaching and training of believers.

"I became a convert to using literature," says one missionary, "when I moved into this town. I saw people, especially students, reading anything they could find. A Christian, who was just learning to read, wrote out Bible verses in his very poor, beginner's handwriting, and stuck them on light poles. Often I would pass and see groups of students gathered around the poles,

reading the verses and discussing them."

Drive around the town of Bondoukou practically any night during the school year and you would see young people sitting under almost every street light . . . reading.

On one occasion students ran from their classes toward our truck as if we had the last ice cream cones in the world. But we were selling evangelistic magazines. I had visited the elementary school in the little village of Lomo the previous day to introduce the students to **Echo du**

**Tam-Tam**, published by the Evangelical Publications Center (EPC) in Abidjan. Now my wife and I were back to sell the magazines during morning recess. Like jugglers, we wished for extra hands to give the magazines to the impatient buyers. At the end of 15 minutes we had sold more than 200 copies. For most of these students it was their first contact with the gospel.

## **Not the Only Tool**

Yes, literature is an effective tool, but it isn't the only tool: It



will rarely reach as large a number of people as radio, and it will never replace the personal contact of a Christian with his unsaved friend or of a pastor with his Timothy. Neither is it a tool without problems.

In the Ivory Coast, as well as in most other developing countries, illiteracy is a constant hindrance to the effectiveness of literature. Give away a tract in France or Spain, and one can be reasonably certain that the person receiving it will be able to read it. The opposite is true in much of the Third World.

A need for literature is not felt by people who grow up in a verbal world. In a "verbal" culture all teaching is done through story-telling. Village wise men can recite stories which have been passed from father to son for generations, and they can tell of events hundreds of years in the past. They've been without literature all of their lives, and besides that, learning to read is hard work.

Fortunately, illiteracy is not an unsolvable problem. Students recognize early that books contain knowledge, and they soon want to read anything they can get their hands on. Christians, too, have a strong incentive to learn to read: They want to read the Scriptures for themselves. Many governments, recognizing that illiteracy slows development, are launching ambitious programs of adult literacy.

### Problems Arise

The kind of literature produced can sometimes be problematic, too. Publishing materials that are culturally suitable, linguistically clear, and attractively presented is neither easy nor inexpensive. It is difficult for a missionary to write effectively in his acquired language, but it may seem even

more difficult to train native speakers of the language to do the writing. So often the time-consuming job of training national writers is neglected—which results in literature that speaks with a foreign accent.

Even the best-written, most attractive books and tracts, though, are worthless lying on shelves. Someday someone might invent literature with legs so it can walk off the shelves and present itself to readers, but until then, human legs will have to suffice . . . and there never seem to be enough of them.

Still, in spite of its problems, literature is the single, most effective tool we have. "In every part of my ministry," states one missionary, "at one point or another, I use literature."

### Tool for Evangelism

"Say, Pastor, do you have another booklet I can read?" is a common question when we stop at the numerous police and customs checkpoints (we live in a border area). Most of those who request the booklets have no other contact with the gospel message. Literature becomes our evangelism tool!

Students came to our house every day for weeks asking for copies of an issue of **Tam-Tam** that my wife had presented to her class at the Goumère school. I think they were more interested in the contest announced in that issue than they were in the contents, but I don't mind. They'll read every word in that magazine several times before it finally tears up.

A young Catholic man, more interested in being friends with the missionary than in learning the gospel, has been coming to our house for more than a year. We gave him a devotional-study book that explains a short Scripture portion every day. At the beginning of our friend-

ship, we had to encourage him very strongly to come to church; now he comes on his own. He reads each new issue of **Champion** (another evangelistic magazine) as it comes out. He hasn't yet made a profession of faith, but he's showing increasing interest in knowing the Lord.

### Used in Training

Literature is also useful for training. Before the summer vacation, Jimmy Aldridge taught a "survival course" to newly converted high school students who would be returning to their villages for the first time as believers. In addition to his Bible, each student studied a booklet which taught how to live the Christian life in the face of temptations and family pressures.

Leadership training calls for literature, too. We hope to start an extension program in 1978. In this, students will use study manuals along with their Bibles for a certain period each day, then they will come together for class meetings about once a week. Without well-written study books, that would be impossible.

The list of uses for literature could go on: Sunday school classes, Bible studies, beginning and intermediate literacy classes, and on and on! In all of these, literature can play an important role.

An evangelistic team from the Bondoukou church visits the local market every Sunday after church for tract distribution coupled with personal witnessing. After having distributed several thousand tracts in various languages, Jimmy Aldridge says he has never seen even one thrown away.

People are reading . . . even in countries where illiteracy claims more than half the population. For that reason, literature is a strategic part of our total ministry.



# SOWING BY AIR

by Bobby Aycock



**P**eople must have some knowledge of the Word before they can intelligently accept the Christ of the gospel. Paul puts it this way in the book of Romans, "... faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Consequently, the preaching of the gospel is essential to winning the lost.

It is improbable that we missionaries would be able to contact each person in our area and give him a personal witness. And not all people will come to our meeting places. Hence, the air waves have proven to be a tremendous means of preaching the gospel to many whom we would not reach otherwise. Many will listen to a radio program; yet they will not come to our meeting place due to religious prejudice or pressure from friends. Since people many times judge our work before they hear us, the broadcast tends to break down barriers and make our ministry more acceptable in the city.

You may wonder, "Do the results justify the efforts and cost?" Let me relate some of our experiences, and you can decide.

We had our first experience

with radio in Brazil in the city of Araras. During our first term of missionary service, in 1965 and 1966, we produced a 30-minute weekly program which provided a number of contacts in the city. One of the men in the Araras church came because of the radio ministry and has been a faithful leader all these years. His wife heard the gospel message on our program, came to church, and was soon converted. He started coming with her, and in a short time he, too, was saved.

Our next radio effort was in Jaboticabal, Brazil, with a 20-minute weekly program during two years of our second term. This ministry contributed to our work although we had less results in this city than in any other where we have worked.

## Work Started Through Radio

When we began our third missionary term with the new work here in Barbacena in February, 1972, we started with radio. For two months we daily preached the gospel on a 15-minute radio program, Monday through Friday, before we officially opened a meeting place.

Several people came to our first service as a result and less time was required to get a group of people together.

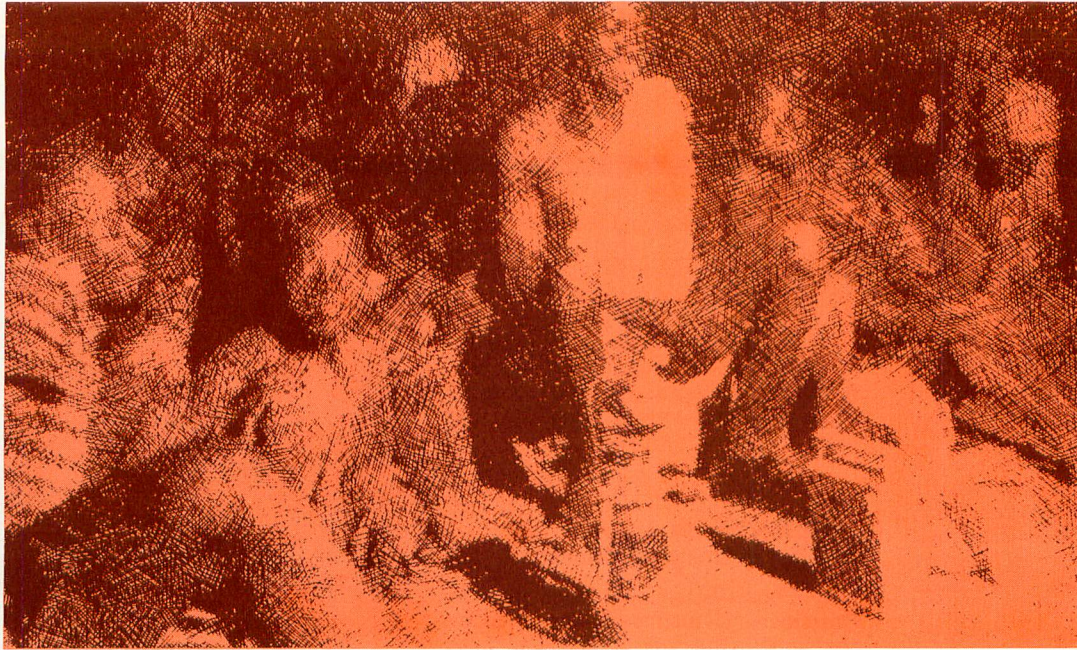
One young lady appeared at our church without any previous contact. She works in town but was home one day due to illness. She heard our program that morning, came to church the next Sunday, and about two weeks later she found Christ.

An older teenager recently came to our service for the first time. He has been listening to our program. Now he is reading his Bible and appears interested in the gospel message. Another teenage boy has been coming with him.

One young man who was on drugs heard the radio message, came to church, and was converted. He is now married, and both he and his wife are Christians and are attending.

Some months ago Sue and I parked our car in the parking lot of one of the local hospitals. Not too far from ours was the mayor's official car with his chauffeur. We got out and started toward the hospital to make a visit. The mayor was leaving the hospital and about to get into his





car when he saw us. He came over to greet us and told me how much he was enjoying our radio program which he hears almost every day. Although he is a Catholic, he related that something about our program touches him more deeply than the priest's message.

A few days ago a real estate owner said, "I always hear your program and it certainly is **Uma Palavra de Esperanca**" (A Word of Hope). The man who drew our church plans and a bank president both told me that they are regular listeners to the broadcast.

In another instance, an 11-year-old girl, who was suffering from leukemia, asked daily for the radio to be turned to our program. She has since died, and I preached her funeral.

One woman, who has heard the program for a long time, says she wouldn't miss it for anything. She and her husband have been attending our services. They have five children. We hope to see that whole family saved.

Two priests recently told me they also hear our broadcast. One even discussed some of the messages which I had preached.

Personnel at the radio station told me of two other priests who also listen. Although I don't know their motives, I rejoice that they are hearing the gospel.

Through the radio ministry we have offered free Bible correspondence courses. A good number have responded, and many people have completed the course.

We've had reports of shut-ins who were won to Christ and have been strengthened and blessed by the radio broadcast. We know at least two of these who have since been promoted to glory.

### **Prisoners Hear Program**

Our program has been heard frequently in the city jail, so I was called to the jail recently to minister to a prisoner who was burdened down with his sins. After a few visits this convicted murderer was converted. He was later sent to the state prison, but we have received news that he is still faithful to the Lord.

People in all parts of the city continually tell us they hear the program, and we have received letters from listeners as far as 50 miles away. The radio station

has a potential listening audience of about 200,000. We believe that several thousand people in our city hear the gospel of Christ through our radio ministry.

About two months ago one of the radio announcers, when he was introducing our program on the air, said, "In my opinion, this program has had more acceptance and has a larger listening audience than any other religious program which our station broadcasts."

We will not reach the entire city for Christ, but we believe that we will continue to see people come to the services and to Christ because of the gospel broadcast. According to information from our church people, about two-thirds of them came as a result of the radio program. In light of this evidence, I feel certain that without this ministry we would be in a corner, unknown, and with only a handful of people.

Is it worth it? What does it actually cost? In our case each 15-minute broadcast currently costs less than \$5. I am personally convinced that it is worth every effort and every penny which we expend.



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## Pinkertons to Assume Dorm Responsibilities

*Ivory Coast*—Due to Howard and Joan Filkins' unexpected medical leave from Bouake, Jerry and Carol Pinkerton have changed their plans and have assumed the responsibility as dorm parents at Ivory Coast Academy.

The Pinkertons had planned to resume their work at Nassian and had already initiated some phases of that work. Jerry spent one week in Kpana, a village approximately two hours from Nassian, where he taught the Free Will Baptist treatise and Scripture memorization to 21 Christians. During the evenings they went to other villages and held evangelistic services.

The Pinkertons will stay at Bouake through this school term, then the Filkins are expected to return following school vacation. Howard Filkins underwent knee surgery late last year. Other complications developed following surgery necessitating a short medical leave. He and his family are in Oklahoma.

## Franks Reports Decisions in Lafaïete Work

*Brazil*—"We praise the Lord for His blessings in Lafaïete," writes Dave Franks. "Three people recently made decisions to accept Christ and two more rededicated their lives."

Dave noted that a new Sunday school

class has been formed in Lafaïete by dividing the adults and young people into separate groups. In order to do this a wall was built to divide a larger room into two smaller classrooms.

Franks urged Christians to pray for God's guidance in selecting the right area to begin a congregation in Belo Horizonte where they are currently living.

## Alice Smith Active in Hospital Ministry

*Ivory Coast*—Since her arrival in Ivory Coast in early September, Alice Smith has been busy in the clinic and hospital doing secretarial and bookkeeping work as well as helping deliver babies, assist in operations, etc.

"I am enjoying attending the nursing classes that Sherwood Lee has for African workers," writes Alice. "I am also teaching a Bible class and conducting a choir for the children on Sunday mornings, and I have a Bible class in one of our local village schools."

Alice has begun studying the Lobi language to be able to minister more effectively among the patients at the hospital.

## First Baptismal Service Held at Kita Hiroshima

*Japan*—The first baptismal service was held at Kita Hiroshima Chapel in late November when Jerry Banks baptized



*Jerry Banks baptizes first convert of Kita Hiroshima work in Japan.*

Miss Dekioka, a 26-year-old woman.

The Banks urged people to pray for their next-door neighbor, a kindergarten teacher, who has recently started attending the church.

Jerry also requested prayer for strength to meet the challenge of their last few months prior to furlough. "Jan and I both feel mentally exhausted," he concluded.

## Uruguay Churches Reopened; Prayer Requested

*Uruguay*—All Free Will Baptist churches in Uruguay were officially closed near the end of last year due to technicalities but word was received near the end of January that they have been reopened.

According to missionary Paul Robinson, the churches had been unable to obtain official documents which would be similar to incorporation papers in the States.

Paul expressed praise at the reopening but urged Christians to pray that God would continue to provide the wisdom and means to keep the churches functioning.

Robinson ministered mainly to individuals and to small groups in homes during the crisis period. Many of the Christians were able to cross the border and attend services at the Livramento church during this time.







Henry Van Kluyve (left) points to the figures giving the total "Jim Sturgill Day" offering of the Sophia Free Will Baptist Church, Sophia, W.Va. Reverend George Smith (right), pastor, presents the check to Jim.

## Special Day Tops \$5,300 for Sturgill

Sophia, W. Va.—A special "Jim Sturgill Day" was held Sunday, December 4, at two West Virginia churches as Henry Van Kluyve, director of deputation, was on hand to challenge the congregation and to receive more than \$5,300 in cash for the Sturgill account.

The Sophia Free Will Baptist Church, pastored by Reverend George Smith, responded with \$2,815.20 which was almost three times the \$1,000 goal set by the church. The Herndon Free Will Baptist Church, pastored by Reverend William Tolliver, gave \$2,500 to the Sturgill account.

Jim and Vicki Sturgill had planned to return to Brazil in February but insufficient funds and uncertainty regarding the condition of their youngest daughter, Valerie, have combined to delay their return.

Latest reports indicate that Valerie is no longer in a cast and that doctors have released her for the Sturgills' return.

An additional four to six thousand dollars in cash is needed before they can depart.

## Hersey Active After Hospitalization, Surgery

Japan—After having been briefly hospitalized for surgery in early November, Fred Hersey resumed a busy schedule in the work in the Tokyo area.

Pastor Oikawa, from Abashiri, held special services Friday through Sunday during the week of Hersey's hospitalization. The following week was a busy one for Fred since it was the week of the annual retreat for the missionaries in Japan.

Hersey also noted that a one-day Bible

Conference was held during that month at the Tokyo church.

Reports indicate that Mr. Hersey has recovered well from the surgery.

## Language Students Report Progress

France—News from missionaries studying French in Albertville, France, indicates they are progressing well in their language study. Those presently studying are Patrick and Susan Dickens, Clint and Lynette Morgan, and Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson.

The ladies have reportedly begun a weekly Bible club for children in the Ferguson home. Lynette is doing the teaching.

These new missionaries have requested prayer that they will be able to grasp the French language.

Sharon and Ledgel Ferguson (front) and Susan Dickens (rear, center) are shown studying French in Albertville by modern technique.



## News Briefs from Around the World

Brazil—Missionary Bobby Poole announced an average attendance of 97 during their Sunday school contest in the month of November. A baptismal service was held on January 1.

Nashville, Tenn.—Mel Haas, 17-year-old son of Joe and Barbara Haas, arrived in Nashville December 29 to enroll at Free Will Baptist Bible College. He is a freshman.

France—Steven Webb, son of Jerry and Janice Webb, suffered a broken leg in October when he was hit by an automobile on his way home from school. Latest reports indicate the leg has healed fine.

Ivory Coast—January reports from the Ivory Coast indicated Jerry Pinkerton had contracted hepatitis. He was confined to bed for three weeks and has been temporarily restricted in activity.

Brazil—An appendectomy was performed December 17 on Dave Franks Jr., son of Dave and Pat Franks. He has had a normal recovery.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Reverend Roger Reeds, General Director of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department, went to Brazil January 6 where he attended the annual Brazil field council meeting. He

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spoke to the group twice and returned to the United States on January 13. Dr. Reeds made the trip primarily to probe possibilities for future Portuguese literature production.

**Spain**—"We had a first communion and footwashing service a few weeks ago," writes Lonnie Sparks from Alcala, Spain. "All regular churchgoers (Christians) participated."

**Ivory Coast**—In early January Robert Bryan participated in a week-long evangelism school in the village of Kouafo. Robert noted that Christians in that village have undergone heavy persecution recently.

**Italy**—Roman Catholicism is no longer the state religion of Italy. An agreement signed in early November between the church and the Italian government swept away many church privileges, among them exemption from taxes for Catholic churches and from military service for priests.

**Russia**—Russian Baptists have pledged \$50,000 to begin a theological seminary and have applied for government permission to open it. Two seminaries opened in the 1920's, but closed shortly afterwards. The only seminaries in Russia are the three operated by the Russian Orthodox Church. Baptists have had to depend on untrained lay leaders.

*Pictured below is the Sunday night English Bible class taught by Don and Billie Sexton in Nantes, France.*



**Panama**—Phillip Scott Lytle was born to Steve and Judy Lytle on December 8 in Panama. The baby weighed seven pounds, eight ounces. Some postpartum complications have reportedly given Judy some problems. The Lytles requested special prayer on her behalf.

**Spain**—Dock and Norma Caton are tentatively scheduled to begin furlough in early May. Dock is planning to further his education at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.

**France**—Jerry and Janice Webb have a new son, David Wesley William Webb, born January 20 in Nantes, France. He weighed seven pounds, eight ounces.

### Sextons Unable to Locate Building

**France**—"We are troubled," writes Don Sexton, "because we have not found a suitable building to buy or rent for our church services. We keep hoping and praying that we can find a place that will meet our needs until we can purchase land and build."

The church has temporarily gained access to a building for Sunday morning services, but all other services continue to be held in the Sexton home.

The Sextons expressed praise for evident spiritual growth and for the number

of people saved during the past year. "We are very thankful that we have about 40 percent of our Sunday crowd for prayer meeting," Sexton added.

Between 15 and 20 people attend the English Bible study which includes students from Korea, Japan, China, Laos, America, England, France, and Madagascar.

### First World Outreach Sunday Doubles Goal

**Colquitt, Ga.**—The Bellview Free Will Baptist Church here sponsored its first World Outreach Sunday on January 29 with Henry Van Kluyve, director of deputation, preaching and presenting the needs for world outreach. The church doubled the monthly faith-promise goal of \$300 which they had set and gave a cash offering of \$1,250 to foreign missions. The \$600 in monthly faith-promise giving will be divided between the Sam Wilkinson, Allan Crowson, and Charolette Tallent accounts.

The church has a membership of approximately 100 people. The pastor, Reverend Billy Sharpston, expressed praise to the Lord for this step of faith and has already made plans for another World Outreach Sunday in February of 1979.

### Crowsons Settle in Bondoukou Area

**Ivory Coast**—Allan and LaRue Crowson have settled in Bondoukou following their language study in France. They have now begun studying the Koulango language.

The Crowsons have already made contact with a number of people in the area and have requested prayer that these contacts will bear fruit.

Allan expressed praise to the Lord for supplying a vehicle. He noted that they purchased the station wagon which had belonged to Howard Filkins.

### New Work Progresses; Bible Club Effective

**Panama**—Although the new work in the Betania area of Panama City is progressing slowly, the Lytles report the initiation





*These new converts were the first to be baptized by Tom Hughes in Uberlandia, Brazil.*

of Sunday school on January 15 with 22 present. Steve and Judy are the only teachers in the Sunday school and they expressed concern over the need for help, especially in the area of music.

"Our Friday afternoon Bible club has produced the greatest results thus far," writes Steve. "Just yesterday, a teenage girl named Jester (pronounced 'Yehs-ter') accepted the Lord as her personal Savior, making a total of nine who thus far have prayed to receive Christ. The attendance for the club has been good and consistent."

The Association of Free Will Baptist Churches in Panama held their annual convention at the Panama City church on January 9 with approximately 100 people attending. The Panama City church report was a highlight as it revealed offerings of over \$8,000 during 1977. The church is self-sustaining and is presently sponsoring several missions: Buenos Aires, Jenene, and Canitas. Gabriel Perez, pastor of the church, baptized more than 40 converts in the last few months of 1977.

## Hughes Baptizes First Uberlandia Converts

Brazil—Missionary Tom Hughes baptized his first Uberlandia converts on December 11 and was already making plans for another baptism in January. The first convert was a 17-year-old girl who teaches English with Tom Jr.

"The response to the gospel thus far here in Uberlandia has been good," writes Hughes. "We had a Christmas program and many of the parents came for the first time. We had 69 and the hall looked great."

The first Wednesday night service was held on January 4. "We had waited to get a somewhat regular group before beginning," writes Nancy. "It was a precious time of study, prayer, singing, sharing, and fellowship. Several mentioned that one

good thing about Wednesday services was not having to wait a week to see each other again." A total of 33 people were present.

Several other conversions were reported in early January: one on January 8 and four on January 15. "We have all come to expect things to happen," Nancy concluded with an expression of praise.

## Two New Couples Begin Language Study

Nashville, Tenn.—Two new missionary couples departed in late December and early January for their fields of service and have begun studying the language of their respective fields.

John and Pansy Murray and their two children arrived in France on December 27. They have moved into an apartment in Massy, just south of Paris, where they are currently studying French prior to their entering the language school in Albertville later this year.

The Murays write: "Our apartment is very adequate. It is located in the same building as the language school and church. Both are down the hall about 75 feet from our door."

Jim and Susan Moser and their son left the United States on January 9 for Campinas, Brazil. They began Portuguese language study in early February.

## Gibbs Departure Delayed; Insufficient Funds

Nashville, Tenn.—Jerry and Barbara Gibbs have been delayed in their return to France due to insufficient funds, according to Henry Van Kluyve, director of deputiation for the Department of Foreign Missions. The Gibbs had tentatively planned to return to their field in early January but



*Jim and Susan Moser (top) sign commitment forms before General Director Rolla Smith at their commissioning service. (Below) John and Pansy Murray (standing) and their children (seated) bear the charge to missionary service.*

plans now call for their return by early summer.

The Gibbs were originally scheduled to have a short furlough which began in June of last year.

## \$ubstance

Through January 31

On deposit January 1	\$ 322,459.29
Total receipts	110,221.50
Total disbursements	98,887.57
Projected receipts	140,466.67
Total 1978 Budget	1,685,600.00
(Total 1977 Budget	1,415,865.00)
(Total receipts in 1977	\$1,411,424.49)

## \$hortage

These accounts are in the deficit:

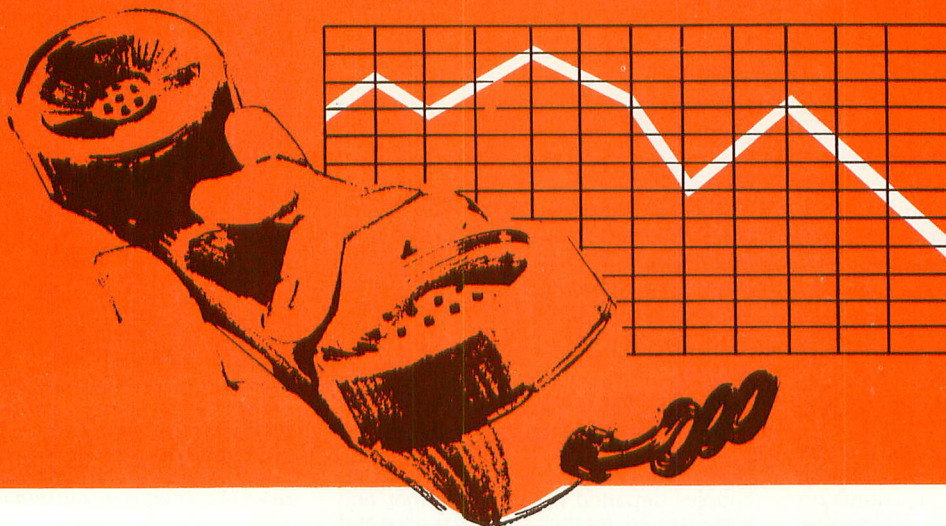
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Combs	5,724.96
Crowson	3,542.34
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Hersey	919.90
Hughes	304.71
Mayhew	2,210.13
McLain	1,724.00
Richards	1,507.36
Smith, A.	185.77
Smith, J.	3,093.14
Sparks	1,530.30
Teague	1,839.25
Webb	6,412.00
Willey, M.	461.12

Total deficit: \$40,453.67



## MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS ARE IN THE RED!

Your compassion and concern can CHANGE THE COLOR—



# CALL-A-THON SUNDAY APRIL 16, 1978

- Churches and Sunday Schools are urged to give their April 16 offering or a special offering to Call-a-thon.
- Individuals are encouraged to open their pocketbooks and use their telephones on Call-a-thon Sunday.
- Church auxiliaries are petitioned to cooperate in helping deficit accounts by designing special projects to help change the RED to BLACK.

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